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I.T. FOREIGN MARKET
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian I.T. Industry is facing a tough competition from foreign markets of China and Russia;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan prepared by the Government to meet the challenge of stiff competition in the foreign market?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a) and (b): Indian Information Technology Industry is performing well in Software Sector. It is true that China`s performance in hardware sector is impressive.

(c): Government constituted a National Task Force on Information Technology and Software Development who submitted an action plan report in 3 parts. The first report emphasized the policy frame work required for creating an ambience for the accelerated flow of investment into the Information Technology(IT) sector, with specific orientation towards the software industry. Second report relates to policy instruments for the development, manufacture and export of IT hardware and third report relates to the Long Term IT policy. The first report has been accepted by the Government. The latest status of its implementation is given below:

Recommendations implemented:	64
Recommendations not implemented:	4
Recommendations not accepted :	3
Recommendations on-going:	37
Total:	108

The second and third reports are under consideration of the Government.

The details on incentives provided to the IT industry is at Annexure-I.